

#### **MINUTES**

# Board of Directors Meeting Ali'i Place, Suite 150 1099 Alakea Street, Honolulu, Hawaii Thursday, July 14, 2016, 8:30 a.m.

PRESENT:

Colleen Hanabusa

Ivan Lui-Kwan

Damien Kim

Mike Formby

Terri Fujii

William "Buzz" Hong

Colbert Matsumoto

Terrence Lee

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Daniel Grabauskas

Jim Anthony

(Sign-In Sheet and Staff)

Randall Ishikawa

Rose Pou

Lisa Hirahara

Andrea Tantoco

Joyce Oliveira

Cindy Matsushita

**EXCUSED:** 

Ford Fuchigami

George Atta

# I. Call to Order by Chair

The meeting of the HART Board of Directors was called to order by Chair Colleen Hanabusa at 8:30 .am.

### II. Swearing in of New Board Member John Henry Felix

Ms. Hanabusa said that as Mr. Felix was out of town, his swearing in would be deferred.

#### III. Public Testimony on all Agenda Items

Ms. Hanabusa called for public testimony on all agenda items.

Dr. Jim Anthony provided testimony on his opposition to the appointment of John Henry Felix, saying that he lacks credibility, and that the appointment was not a constructive one in light of the project's challenges.

Ms. Hanabusa called for other testimony on all agenda items.

Dr. Anthony testified that the options presented by HART Deputy Executive Director Brennon Morioka at the June 8, 2016 meeting of the Board of Directors did not address the commitments and social contract made by the Board in the rail referenda. Ms. Hanabusa clarified that the HART Board came into existence after the referenda. Dr. Anthony replied that the Board needs political courage to consider the project's role in intergenerational equity prior to cutting the alignment.

Board member Michael Formby thanked Dr. Anthony for his commitment to the project, but clarified that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) had requested that HART examine available options that could be achieved with the available funds. Mr. Morioka's presentation responded to a Board request for preliminary options; staff was currently examining more detailed options, and the Board would conduct a more rigorous discussion in the future. Dr. Anthony requested all FTA documents presented to the Board on the matter, as well as documentation on options from Mr. Morioka, citing the need for honest, credible disclosure.

Board member Terrence Lee recalled that Dr. Anthony had previously expressed his fear that the Board would become politicized. He said that the Board is faced with the predicament of moving forward without enough money, forcing it to examine alternatives, which include requesting an extension of the general excise tax surcharge from the Hawaii State Legislature. However, he said that the Legislature had indicated its reluctance to do so. He encouraged Dr. Anthony to encourage other members of the public to make their support of the project known to the Legislature. Dr. Anthony said that he would require the Board's assistance with messaging.

Board member Colbert Matsumoto thanked Dr. Anthony for his advocacy.

## IV. Approval of Minutes of the June 8, 2016 Meeting of the Board of Directors

Ms. Hanabusa called for the approval of the minutes of the June 8, 2016 meeting of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Kim moved to approve the minutes, and Mr. Lee seconded the motion. All being in favor the minutes were unanimously adopted.

# V. <u>Executive Director & CEO's Performance Evaluation and Upcoming Performance Objectives</u>

#### **Executive Session**

Ms. Hanabusa called for a motion to enter into executive session pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 92-4 and Subsections 92-5(a)(4), to consult with the Board's attorneys on questions and issues pertaining to its powers, duties, privileges, immunities and liabilities, and 92-5(a)(2) to consider the hire, evaluation, dismissal, or discipline of an officer or employee or of charges brought against the officer or employee, where consideration of matters affecting privacy will be involved. Mr. Kim so moved, and Mr. Lee seconded the motion.

The Board entered into executive session at 9:02 a.m.

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The Board reconvened in public session at 11:26 a.m.

#### VI. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, Ms. Hanabusa adjourned the meeting at 11:27

Respectfully Submitted,

Board Administrator

Approved:

Colleen Hanabusa

**Board Chair** 

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Date